

ship was shot out from under Dan, and although he lost many of his crewmates, Dan survived by creating an artificial breakwater.

In 2013, he received the French Legion of Honor medal, created in 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte and considered France's highest honor, one that has been awarded to surviving American veterans for their heroism on D-Day. Recipients of the Legion of Honor are known as "Chevalier (Knight) of the Légion d'Honneur."

Dan was discharged from the Navy in February 1946, at the age of 19. Initially resuming work at a florist shop in Kansas City, Dan decided to look for a different occupation. Through help of friends, family and the local Jewish Federation, Dan embarked on what was to be a 43-year career in the paper distribution business.

Even though he did not complete high school, Dan advanced his career, moving to Dallas, Chicago and finally Moraga, California, as a vice-president of a seven-billion-dollar corporation.

He has survived his wife Marilyn, but is still the center of a family of four children, eleven grandchildren, two great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF CARL DENNIS ANDERSON

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2022

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of a "man of the people" from eastern Connecticut, Mr. Carl Anderson. Carl recently passed away on June 21, 2022, at age 79, leaving a rich legacy of devotion to his community, family and the pursuit of justice on behalf of thousands of clients in the courts of the State of Connecticut. Carl's life was a rich one, which he led with great gusto, arguing cases before countless juries, raising a beautiful family or pursuing his love of fishing.

Born on Independence Day in Voluntown, Connecticut, in 1942 to Carl Sr. and Ellen Anderson, Carl was a living image of the American story. Much of Carl's life and community-oriented perspective was afforded by his nurturing family and hometown. For instance, he was raised in his parent's family-owned business, Tamarack Lodge, and met the love of his life, Karen, who he was wed to for nearly 50 years, in Voluntown. Tamarack Lodge was eventually passed down to Carl Jr. and Karen, which they then used to continue the family tradition by raising children of their own, Christopher, Michael, and Kate, while contributing to the local economy for nearly 30 years.

The strong foundation which Carl formed through the Town of Voluntown cannot be understated. His strong sense for community caused him to be quite an adept advocate on behalf of others. Backed by his passion for community, Carl attended the University of Connecticut, also in the eastern district of the State, where he ultimately earned his law degree. Carl employed that law degree towards the good of the region starting his own law firm representing individuals and families first with his closest partners, before bringing his sons Christopher and Michael into the fold.

Throughout his tenure as a trial lawyer, Carl built a brand of commitment toward helping all those in need, whether it was an injured victim or an individual in need of trusted advice. His character and skill to practice law proved remarkable. Carl performed a true dedication in service to Connecticut's civil justice system, which was recognized by his colleagues in the Connecticut bar who elected him as president of the Connecticut trial lawyers association. Carl also was extremely involved in the political life of eastern Connecticut, supporting campaigns of former congressman and Senator Christopher Dodd, Congressman Sam Gejdenson,—and I am proud to say—myself. Carl was a true-blue friend whose support and advice were treasured by us all.

Known for being proud of his background, Carl also volunteered time toward causes which he felt strongly close to. With his Northern European family roots, Carl acted as the Honorary Consul in Connecticut on behalf of the nation of Finland, supporting the country's diplomatic network and nationals abroad with his local, legal ties. His more than 40 years of service in this part time role earned him the Finnish accolade, the Commander of the Order of the Lion of Finland. Another example of his dedication to his local community includes his membership and service as the chairman of one of Voluntown's local party committees, reflecting his longstanding priority to engage with his neighbors and effect change within the town for the better.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to represent constituents who are as humble, dutiful, and distinguished as Carl Anderson. His loss will be felt throughout the region. We can find solace, however, in knowing that Carl touched the lives of thousands in the region as well as his family and loved ones, namely, his wife Karen, his children Christopher, Michael, and Elizabeth and Katie, and his sister Beverly. To that end, I ask that the entire chamber join me in setting Carl Anderson's name further into stone, officially recognizing his life and service to our Nation.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF DR. CYNTHIA WARRICK AS 7TH PRESIDENT OF STILLMAN COLLEGE

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2022

Ms. SEWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the leadership of Dr. Cynthia Warrick, the 7th and first female President of Stillman College, who is retiring on June 30, 2023, after over five wonderful years of service to the college and the surrounding community.

Dr. Warrick obtained her Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from Howard University. She went on to earn a master's degree in Public Policy from the Georgia Institute of Technology and a doctorate in Environmental Science and Public Policy from George Mason University.

A pharmacist and health services researcher by trade, Dr. Warrick brought over 20 years of experience to her position as Stillman College President. She began her career in higher education at Howard University. From

there, she accepted appointments at the University of Texas Houston Health Science Center, Texas Southern University, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, and Elizabeth City State University. Prior to her tenure at Stillman College, Dr. Warrick's most recent positions include Interim President of Grambling State University and South Carolina State University and senior research and evaluation fellow at Thurgood Marshall College Fund in Washington. Dr. Warrick has been recognized nationally for her leadership and invaluable contributions to healthcare research.

Under the exceptional guidance of Dr. Warrick, Stillman College has made many advancements, expanding its educational programs to ensure that its students are competitive in the 21st-century workforce. Known as a collaborative leader, her focus on academic excellence, administrative accountability, and student success outcomes is evident in her success as president through the increased opportunities for prospective students, stabilization of institution finances, and enhanced donor partnerships. Along with financial and academic growth, Dr. Warrick prioritized historic preservation, working to strengthen Stillman's connection with the Presbyterian Church USA and the West End Tuscaloosa community.

Since her installation in 2017, Stillman College has seen its largest incoming class of freshmen since 2014, an increase in student enrollment, SACSCOC accreditation for another 10 years without any recommendations or further action, and the addition of multiple programs to diversify coursework in business, music, and film. Understanding the power of partnership, Dr. Warrick spearheaded the college's fight to address its debt. By rallying the presidents of over 40 institutions with HBCU capital finance loans, policymakers, and members of Congress, she pushed for the deferment of the loans and, through hard work and dedication, got the entire 40-million-dollar debt eliminated, making Stillman College debt-free.

Over the past five years, Stillman's grant funding and sponsored programs have increased tremendously to over 12.8 million dollars by leveraging the resources Stillman already had. As an avid supporter of HBCUs, Dr. Warrick saw the potential in Stillman despite the many challenges she faced during her tenure to meet the current and future needs of Stillman's student body. Dr. Warrick expanded the graduate school pathways through an existing partnership with the University of Alabama and established summer research opportunities within biomedical sciences with Drexel University, the Salk Institute, and LaJolla Research Institute in Immunology. Continuing to blaze trails and create new opportunities for her students, she secured a historic annual appropriation from the State of Alabama Education Trust Fund.

Under the strong helm of Dr. Warrick, Stillman College has strengthened its nurturing environment for students to thrive, providing them with the resources they need to stay successful and competitive in the 21st century. Taking her experience as a researcher into her position as president, Dr. Warrick's dynamic vision has set the foundation for a bright future for Stillman College, leaving a lasting impact on the administration, student body, and Tuscaloosa community for years to

come. Although I know she will continue to serve the community of Stillman College, I sincerely hope that her retirement is filled with the joy of spending time with family and friends.

On a personal note, it has been an honor getting to know Dr. Warrick and to be her partner on the federal level in securing more funding and better opportunities in furtherance of the mission of Stillman College. Dr. Warrick has been a tireless advocate, fierce negotiator, and passionate champion for the students, faculty, and alumni of Stillman College. She has utilized her professional experience and extensive knowledge, leveraging her impressive network to steer this historic institution through perilous times and set it on a more solid financial footing extending its future viability. We wish her well in her retirement and thank her for her phenomenal leadership of Stillman College.

On behalf of Alabama's 7th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the extraordinary leadership and service of Dr. Cynthia Warrick and her contributions as President of Stillman College.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF
EUGENE BURTON GIFFORD, JR.

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2022

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Eugene Burton, Jr. Gene was born on July 9, 1934, in Boston, Massachusetts, to Claudia Johnnie Gifford and Eugene Burton Gifford, Sr. At age five, his family relocated to Booneville, and he spent his childhood as a bright student at Thrasher School where he played basketball, served as treasurer of his senior class and received state and national awards in forestry for 4-H and FFA.

After graduating Thrasher High School in 1954, Gene attended Northeast Mississippi Junior College where he had the distinct honor of being elected Student Body President his freshman and sophomore years. Gene continued his education at The University of Mississippi where he received a Bachelor's degree in Public Administration and a lifelong love for the Ole Miss Rebels.

A dedicated student, Gene dual-enrolled in Ole Miss Law School during his senior year. He served as an associate editor of the Mississippi Law Journal before graduating law school in 1960. He met the love of his life, Betty Potts, on a blind date at the Catfish Hotel. The couple was married on December 23, 1960, and began their lives together in Booneville.

An advocate for education, Gene served as the Director in the Mississippi School Board Association and a member of the State Ethics Commission. He also dedicated many years of his life giving back to Thrasher High School, and in 2007, received the Super Rebel Award for over half a century of contributions to the school.

A devout Christian, Gene was a member of Gaston Baptist church for 70 years, where he served as Chairman of the Finance Committee for 26 years and moderator for 36 years. He also served on the Building Committee during the construction of the Baptist Student Union at Northeast Mississippi Community College.

Those closest to Gene appreciate his quiet strength, integrity, intellect, enormous heart, sense of humor, avid storytelling, dedication to his work and sincere love for his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers, Harold Eugene Gifford and Dr. William "Bill" Burton Gifford and sister, Carole Gifford Spencer.

Gene is survived by his wife of 62 years, Betty Potts Gifford; his children Sharon Gifford Cheek (Jeff) of Booneville, Tracey Gifford Smith (Tim) of Corinth, and Ginger Gifford Kizer (Brandon) of Oxford. He was the loving grandfather of Lauren Cheek Watts (Jordan), Megan Grace Carpenter, Gracie Cheek Pratt (Brooks), Savannah Grace Smith, Annalyn Faith Carpenter, Houston Gifford Cheek, Victoria Smith Fox (Tucker), Olivia Hope Carpenter, Nyles Gifford Smith, Lillian Faye Kizer and great-grandfather of Vivian Grace Pratt.

HONORING SARATOGA TOWN
SUPERVISOR THOMAS N. WOOD III

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor lifelong Saratoga resident and

Town Supervisor, Thomas "Tom" Wood. Tom has dedicated his life to making Saratoga an exceptional community, and I am proud to thank him for his service.

Tom was raised in Saratoga and attended Schuylerville Central School. He went on to attend Cornell University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture and Education in 1967. After graduating from Cornell, he dedicated his teaching career to educating the next generation of agricultural leaders. He first taught at Saratoga BOCES and then went on to teach Agriculture and Technology courses at SUNY Delhi and Salem Central School. In 1993, Tom became the Assistant Principal of Salem Central High School and then worked as the Elementary School Principal from 1996 to 2002.

In addition to teaching, Tom found many ways to mentor the next generation. He led the Schuylerville Boy Scouts and coached various Little League teams. Tom was incredibly devoted to serving and bettering his community. He was the Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Town of Saratoga for over two decades. He also worked hard to preserve and promote the important history of Saratoga as the historian for the Town of Saratoga, the Villages of Victory, and Schuylerville.

In 2004, Tom became the Saratoga Town Supervisor and has served in this role ever since. In his role as Town Supervisor, Tom has prioritized open and honest communication between himself and the community to ensure the Saratoga Town government remains transparent and accountable. Thanks to Tom's strong leadership, Saratoga is a community with a deep connection to its important historical significance and deep understanding of its agricultural roots.

Tom's commitment to bettering Saratoga for all who call it home is inspirational. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I am honored to recognize Tom's leadership and thank him for his decades of service to the Town of Saratoga.